

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 99

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Dr. Frank Sensing  
McKnight of Fayette County.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of Dr. Frank Sensing McKnight; and

WHEREAS, Dr. McKnight was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Frank McKnight was born on October 24, 1925; and

WHEREAS, Dr. McKnight, a longtime Somerville physician and a lifelong resident of Fayette County, began his practice at Morris Clinic in Somerville in 1951; he also served as Chief of Staff at Methodist Hospital of Fayette County, Medical Director at Somerville Healthcare Center, Medical Director at Wilder Developmental Center, and he served as Coroner for Fayette County for many years; and

WHEREAS, in 2008, Dr. McKnight and his family opened the new McKnight Clinic—To God Be the Glory—in Somerville, with a deep-rooted mission of never turning away an ailing or suffering human due to their inability to pay; and

WHEREAS, he served as a Director of the Bank of Fayette County; and

WHEREAS, Frank McKnight was avidly interested in the Bird Dog Trials and began serving as a Field Trial Judge in 1984 at the Ames Plantation; he also served with acumen and alacrity as President and Director of the National Field Trial Championship Association; and

WHEREAS, he was an active and devout member of First Presbyterian Church, which he served faithfully as an Elder; and

WHEREAS, his numerous accomplishments aside, Dr. McKnight was also deeply devoted to his family and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, he married the former Pat Caldwell on December 22, 1947, and their blessed union produced three children, Sam, Anne, and Grace, four grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Dr. McKnight is also survived by his brother, Alfred (Rose Helen) McKnight; and

WHEREAS, Frank McKnight leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Dr. Frank Sensing McKnight, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Dr. McKnight.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.